

S. 1740 (amended), to amend section 202(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, in order to expand the Federal Communications Commission's regulatory authority under such section; and

S. 1964, to require certain common carriers by railroad to make reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission with respect to certain accidents.

MANPOWER UTILIZATION

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee on Manpower Utilization approved a detailed examination and study of the hiring of retired military personnel to fill positions traditionally held by civilians. Also approved a study of manpower utilization in the Selective Service System.

The subcommittee voted to make a review of wage board procedures in the Federal Government.

SUPERGRADES

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee met in executive session to consider supergrades and bills relating to hearing examiners. It was announced by the chairman that no more hearings would be conducted on these subjects during the remainder of the 86th Congress.

WATERSHED PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Watershed Development approved four watershed projects, three in Oklahoma and one in Michigan. Testimony was presented by Representatives Albert, Steed, Belcher, Bentley, and Chamberlain. The subcommittee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

ROCKET AND JET ENGINE NOISE

Committee on Science and Astronautics: The Special Investigating Subcommittee held a hearing on research

and development in the rocket and jet engine noise problem. Testimony was given by Ira Abbott, Office of Advanced Research Programs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Dr. Richard H. Bolt, Associate Director, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses. Hearings continue Wednesday, August 24.

RADIO OPERATORS—COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Committee on Un-American Activities: The committee held a hearing on H.R. 12852, prohibiting the licensing as radio operators of persons who willfully fail or refuse to answer questions relating to Communist activities. Heard testimony from Robert E. Lee, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; and a representative of the Communications Workers of America.

Five persons who are presently or have been in the recent past radio operators, and who have been identified as members of the Communist Party, invoked the fifth amendment to the Constitution when questioned.

Joint Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR-HEW

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 11390, fiscal 1961 appropriations for the Department of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, but did not reach final agreement, and will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—STATE, JUSTICE, AND THE JUDICIARY

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 11666, fiscal 1961 appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice, and the Judiciary.

Wednesday, August 24, 1960

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed mutual security appropriations and cleared 10 bills for President, including State-Justice appropriations.

NATO citizens convention bill passed by House.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17395-17418

Bills Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3880-3885; and S. Res. 370-371.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 3867, to exempt from taxation certain property of the National Guard Association of the U.S. in the D.C., with amendment (S. Rept. 1909);

H.R. 7885, relating to income tax treatment of non-refundable capital contributions to FNMA, with amendments (S. Rept. 1910); and

Part II of Report 1893 on S. Res. 334, opposing the making of recess appointments to the Supreme Court.

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Bills Referred: 23 House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

Pages 17446-17447

Bill Placed on Calendar: H.R. 11561, relating to conveyance of lands in Madison County, Ky., to Pioneer National Monument Association, was ordered to be placed on calendar.

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Portsmouth (N.H.) Shipyard: Senate passed without amendment (motion to reconsider tabled) S. 3800, to provide a method of regulating wage rates for employees of the Portsmouth, N.H., Naval Shipyard.

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Mutual Security Appropriations: By 67 yeas to 26 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Senate passed with amendments H.R. 12619, fiscal 1961 appropriations for mutual security, after adopting the following amendments:

Bridges amendment authorizing President to bar aid to any country furnishing munitions or loaning military or economic aid to Castro regime in Cuba; Case (S. Dak.) amendment to limit to 90 percent of cost of any program in any foreign country financed from these appropriations; Dodd amendment to express sense of Congress that Secretary of State should take necessary action to prevent importation or reimportation of firearms manufactured for armed forces of any country; and Morse amendment authorizing President to bar funds to any country directly or indirectly selling arms to any Latin-American country against which economic or diplomatic sanctions have been imposed by OAS.

Senate insisted on its amendments, asked for conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Hayden, Russell, Chavez, Ellender, Holland, Stennis, Bridges, Saltonstall, and Smith.

Pages 17418-17446,
17447-17451, 17452-17453, 17454-17457

Bills Cleared for President: Senate cleared the following bills for President by taking the following actions indicated:

Library of Congress Trust Fund: S. 1321, to authorize the Attorney General to consent, on behalf of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, to a modification of a trust instrument executed by James B. Wilbur (concurrency in House amendments);

Mineral leasing: H.R. 10455, proposed Mineral Leasing Act Revision of 1960 (adoption of conference report);

"Anti-Kickback Statute": S. 3487, to amend the "Anti-Kickback Statute" to extend it to all negotiated contracts (concurrency in House amendment);

Merchant marine—Alaska: S. 2669, to extend the period of exemption from inspection for certain vessels

operating in inland waters of southeastern Alaska (adoption of conference report);

Bankruptcy: H.R. 5747, to amend the U.S. Code with respect to the concealment of assets in contemplation of bankruptcy (adoption of conference report);

Prisoners' bail: S. 2932, providing for reduction of sentences of imprisonment by the time spent in custody awaiting trial (concurrency in House amendment);

Coronado National Memorial: S. 2806, to revise the boundaries of the Coronado National Memorial, Ariz. (concurrency in House amendments);

Private bills: S. 285 (concurrency in House amendment), and H.R. 4826 (adoption of conference report); and

State-Justice appropriations: H.R. 11666, fiscal 1961 appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice, and the Judiciary (adoption of conference report).

Pages 17447, 17457-17459, 17462-17471

Committee Assignments: The following changes were made in committee assignments by adoption of S. Res. 370 and 371, respectively:

Senator Martin was excused from further service on Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and was assigned to Committee on Rules and Administration (S. Res. 370);

Senator Young (N. Dak.) was assigned to Committee on Post Office and Civil Service (S. Res. 370); and

Senator Burdick was assigned to Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Labor and Public Welfare (S. Res. 371).

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Conservation Reserve: H.R. 12849, relating to history preservation under Great Plains and conservation reserve programs, was laid before Senate, read twice, and considered, but further consideration was laid aside.

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Calendar Call: Order was entered for call of calendar on Thursday, August 25, at conclusion of routine morning business, beginning with Order No. 1911 (S. 3524, to provide for Commission on Presidential Office Space).

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Wabash Basin: Senate made its unfinished business S. 3625, to establish a Wabash Basin Interagency Water Resources Commission.

By unanimous consent it was ordered that on Thursday, August 25, at conclusion of calendar call, debate shall be limited as follows on further consideration of S. 3625: Debate on any amendment, motion, or appeal (except motion to lay on table) limited to 30 minutes, equally divided, and on the bill limited to 1 hour, equally divided.

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Recess: Recessed at 5:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Finance: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported the following bills:

(1) H.R. 7885, relating to the income tax treatment of non-refundable capital contributions to Federal National Mortgage Association, with the following amendments:

(a) providing that taxpayers in the cement industry may for past, open years elect for percentage depletion purposes to have the kiln-feed cutoff point apply for purposes of computing the allowable depletion (this is the same as was provided prospectively in the Gore amendment to the Public Debt and Tax Rate Extension Act of 1960);

(b) adopting the text of H.R. 12857 relating to the base of the manufacturer's excise tax on mechanical cigarette lighters. Under the amendment the tax is to be 10 percent of the manufacturer's price or 10 cents per lighter, whichever is less. (This is in lieu of the present tax of 10 percent of the manufacturer's price);

(c) restoring dependency exemptions for nationals of American Samoa and Swains Island (primarily children of U.S. naval personnel, numbering around 100);

(d) (1) permitting, for 1960 and future years, a partnership which has elected to be taxed as a corporation to apply the tax-free reorganization provisions if it actually becomes a corporation; and (2) requiring that the election to be taxed as a corporation be made in the last month of the preceding year or the first month of the current year for which it is to be so taxed;

(e) relating to the declaration of estimated income tax by individuals which (1) increases the "other income" limit from \$100 to \$200; and (2) provides that no declaration need be filed where the estimated tax is less than \$40. Also, the gross income test of \$400 plus \$600 times the number of exemptions is eliminated;

(f) requiring individuals living abroad and other taxpayers (including corporations) claiming the benefits of foreign income provisions to file their returns at the office designated by the Secretary rather than in the district where they claim legal residence or place of business;

(g) providing that claiming a false or fraudulent deduction for a dependent may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor rather than a felony. This also repeals section 7207, relating to the treatment of fraudulent returns, statements, or other documents as misdemeanors (leaving only the felony provisions applicable); and

(h) the text of section 9 of H.R. 5547 (as previously reported by the Finance Committee) prohibiting the doubling up of the deduction of taxes for those on an accrual basis where States have changed the assessment or lien date.

(2) H.R. 12536, which excludes certain local advertising charges from the sale price, within limits, for purposes of the manufacturer's excise taxes (without amendment).

(3) H.R. 10960, relating to the determination of retail price for purposes of the Federal excise tax on cigars (without amendment).

(4) H.R. 4384, to provide for the free importation of certain articles for religious purposes not now included in paragraph 1774 of the Tariff Act (without amendment).

(5) H.R. 10841, to provide for the free importation of bamboo pipstems, except those imported from Communist-dominated areas (without amendment).

(6) H.R. 12659, to suspend import duties on heptanoic acid for a period of 3 years (without amendment).

(7) H.R. 11573, to provide for the free importation of two electron microscopes for use in designated universities (with amendment adding certain grain-milling equipment for study and research in a university).

The committee adopted a committee resolution directing the Tariff Commission to make a thorough study of the shrimp industry and report to the Finance Committee early in the next session of Congress.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee held further hearings on the nomination of Robert A. Bicks, to be an Assistant Attorney General, with favoring testimony from James Glenn Frost, deputy attorney general of Maine, who spoke in behalf of the attorney general of Maine; and opposing testimony from B. P. McDonough, of Parkersburg, W. Va.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 13132-13141; 3 private bills, H.R. 13142-13144; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 726 and 727 and H. Res. 623, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 12491, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands in Wyoming to the county of Fremont, Wyo. (H. Rept. 2138);

S. 3146, relating to use of surplus foods in home economics courses (H. Rept. 2139);

Four private bills, S. 882, 3759, 2306, and 3415 (H. Repts. 2140-2143, respectively).

S. 3416, to restore to the U.S. amounts expended carrying out D.C. Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act of 1958 (H. Rept. 2144);

S. 3727, to authorize the bonding of persons engaged in home improvement business (H. Rept. 2145);

H.R. 13053, to increase the salaries of D.C. police and firemen (H. Rept. 2146);

H.R. 12993, to increase the salaries of D.C. schoolteachers (H. Rept. 2147);

S. 1740, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 relative to clarifying regulatory authority, amended (H. Rept. 2148);

S. 1964, relating to reports of railroad accidents, amended (H. Rept. 2149);

H.R. 11535, relating to the serving of liquors in D.C. establishments on New Year's Day when New Year's falls on Sunday (H. Rept. 2150);

H.R. 12775, to increase the retirement compensation of certain former D.C. police and firemen (H. Rept. 2151); and

Conference report on H.R. 11390, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare, and related agencies for fiscal year 1961 (H. Rept. 2152).

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Aged Medical Care: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H.R. 12580, Social Security Act Amendments of 1960; agreed to a conference requested by the Senate; and appointed as conferees Representatives Mills, Forand, King of California, O'Brien of Illinois, Mason, Byrnes of Wisconsin, and Baker.

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Supplemental Appropriations: Permission was obtained for the consideration of a supplemental appropriation bill on Friday next.

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Conference Reports Adopted: Conference reports on the following bills were called up, considered, and adopted by the House and thus cleared for Senate action:

State-Justice-Judiciary appropriations: H.R. 11666, making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice, the Judiciary, and related agencies. Senate amendment 22 was reported in disagreement and the House voted to recede and concur therein.

Pages 17472-17475

Mineral leasing: H.R. 10455, Mineral Leasing Act Revision of 1960.

Pages 17476-17477

Alaskan vessel inspection: S. 2669, to extend the period of exemption from inspection for certain vessels operating in inland waters of southeastern Alaska.

Pages 17477-17479

Postal Laws: H.R. 2339, to revise, codify, and enact into law title 39 of the U.S. Code entitled "The Postal Service," was cleared for Presidential action by House agreement in Senate amendments thereto.

Pages 17479-17480

Taxes: The following bills from the Committee on Ways and Means were called up and passed:

Local advertising charges: H.R. 12536, relating to the treatment of charges for local advertising for purposes of determining the manufacturer's sale price.

Pages 17480-17481

Gifts to Government: H.R. 6292, to authorize the acceptance by the Government of gifts to be used to reduce the public debt.

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Philippine tobacco imports: H.R. 3392, relating to duty-free imports of Philippine tobacco, amended.

Pages 17481-17482

Cigar tax: H.R. 10960, to amend section 5701 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to the excise tax upon cigars, amended.

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Prepaid membership dues: H.R. 11266, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to permit the prepaid dues income of certain membership organizations to be included in gross income for the taxable years to which the dues relate, amended.

Pages 17482-17484

Foreign taxes: H.R. 12036, to amend section 902 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to foreign taxes paid by certain predecessor corporations, amended.

Pages 17484-17485

Liquor dealer tax: H.R. 9000, to provide that States and political subdivisions which operate liquor stores shall not be required to pay more than one tax as a retail dealer in liquor, amended.

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Charitable contributions: H.R. 6066, relating to the deduction for income tax purposes of contributions to charitable organizations whose sole purpose is making distributions to other charitable organizations, contributions to which by individuals are deductible within the 30-percent limitation of adjusted gross income, amended.

Pages 17485-17486

Gift and estate tax: H.R. 12329, relating to the gift and estate tax treatment of the relinquishment of certain powers in the case of reciprocal and other trusts, amended.

Pages 17486-17487

Foreign taxes: H.R. 11681, to amend section 902(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to allow a credit for foreign taxes paid by a foreign corporation 20 percent or more of the voting stock of which is owned by another foreign corporation in which a domestic corporation has a substantial stock interest, amended.

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Import Markings: H.R. 5054, relative to the marking of new packages for imported articles, was cleared for Presidential consideration by House concurrence in Senate amendments thereto.

Pages 17487-17488

NATO Citizens Convention: By a record vote of 289 yeas to 103 nays the House passed without amendment S.J. Res. 170, favoring a convention of delegates from Atlantic democracies, looking to greater cooperation and unity of purpose. A recommittal motion designed to prevent use of any funds for publicity or propaganda purposes to support or defeat legislation was defeated by a voice vote.

Amendments were rejected that sought to—
Place five Members of the House and five Members of the Senate on the Commission;

Limit total compensation of Commission to \$50,000;
Limit U.S. share of expenses of Commission to 20 percent of total expense; and to

Require Commission members to report on travel and expenses the same as Members of Congress.

H. Res. 587, the rule under which the legislation was considered, had been adopted earlier by a record vote of 349 yeas to 39 nays.

Pages 17488-17512

Mutual Security Appropriations: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H.R. 12619, making appropriations for mutual security and related agencies for fiscal year 1961; agreed to a conference requested by the Senate; and appointed as conferees Representatives Passman, Gary, Cannon, Taber, and Ford.

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Carver Centennial Commission: Adopted H.J. Res. 799, establishing a George Washington Carver Centennial Commission.

Pages 17513-17515

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUGAR ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Heard C. Douglas Dillon, Under Secretary of State, regarding the impact of the Sugar Act on South and Central American relations with emphasis on the Dominican Republic.

WHEAT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Wheat, in executive session, ordered tabled H.R. 9092, relating to wheat history preservation. Prior to this action testimony was heard, in open session, from Representative McGinley, and officials of the Department of Agriculture.

M-48 SERIES TANK

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Procurement of Army Vehicles held hearings regarding the M-48 series tank, and heard testimony from Lt. Gen. Art W. Colglazier, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Department of the Army; and Lt. Gen. J. H. Hinricks, Chief of Ordnance, Department of the Army. Hearings continue Thursday, August 25.

D.C. MISCELLANY

Committee on District of Columbia: Met in executive session and ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H.R. 11535, to amend the D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Act;

H.R. 12004 (amended), regarding nursing in D.C.;

H.R. 12775, to increase the relief or retirement compensation of certain former members of the Metropolitan Police force, the Fire Department of D.C., the U.S. Park Police force, the White House Police force, and the U.S. Secret Service; and of their widows, widowers, and children;

H.R. 12993 (amended), to amend the D.C. Teachers' Salary Act of 1955;

H.R. 13053, to increase the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of D.C., the U.S. Park Police, and the White House Police;

S. 2306, to exempt from taxation certain property of the National Woman's Party, Inc., in D.C.;

S. 3415, to exempt from taxation certain property of the American Association of University Women, Education Foundation, Inc., in D.C.;

S. 3416, to provide for the restoration to the U.S. of amounts expended in D.C. in carrying out the Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act of 1958; and

S. 3727, to provide for the bonding of certain persons engaged in certain types of work in D.C.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on General Education concluded hearings on the proposed amendments to the school lunch program. Various public witnesses were heard.

LATIN AMERICA-MUTUAL SECURITY ACT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Met in executive session to mark up H.R. 13021, to provide for assistance in the development of Latin America and to increase the contingency fund of the Mutual Security Act. The committee will continue to mark up the bill Thursday, August 25.

PANAMA STEAMSHIP LINE

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Panama Canal met in executive session to discuss the Panama Steamship Line and will continue on this subject Thursday, August 25, in executive session.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Committee on Public Works: Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program met in executive session for a briefing, by the chief counsel, on the subcommittee's staff activities since the last meeting.

A subcommittee resolution was passed to direct the staff to continue its operation as it has been conducted. Also the resolution authorized the chairman to call a meeting of the subcommittee when investigations are completed in Florida, New Mexico, and West Virginia. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

MINIMUM WAGE

Committee on Rules: Deferred action on a rule to send H.R. 12677, the minimum wage bill, to conference.

Witnesses heard on granting of a rule were Representatives Barden, Kearns, Pucinski, and Ayres.

SHIPBUILDERS

Committee on Rules: Held hearings on H.R. 8093, to amend the Merchant Marine Act in order to eliminate

the 6-percent differential applying to certain bids of Pacific coast shipbuilders.

Witnesses heard on granting of a rule were Representatives Boykin, Downing, and Rivers of Alaska. Hearings continue on Thursday, August 25.

ROCKET AND JET ENGINE NOISE

Committee on Science and Astronautics: Special Investigating Subcommittee continued hearings on research and development in the rocket and jet engine noise problem, and heard testimony from Dr. Richard Trumbull, Physiological Psychology Branch, Office of Naval Research, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. H. O. Parrack, the Coordinator of Noise and Vibration Control, Wright Air Development Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Hearings continue Thursday, August 25.

RADIO OPERATORS—COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

Committee on Un-American Activities: Continued hearings on H.R. 12852, prohibiting the licensing as radio operators of persons who willfully fail or refuse to answer questions relating to Communist activities. Testimony was given by Maj. Dow Evelyn, Director of Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; Col. Henry S. Smith, Chief, Electronic Warfare, U.S. Air Force; Capt. Roy W. Stroud, attorney, Legislative Branch, U.S. Air Force; vice president, American Cable & Radio Corp.; and a representative of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

One witness who is presently a radio operator, and who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party, invoked the fifth amendment to the Constitution when questioned.

The committee adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

PAYMENT IN PESOS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on H.R. 261, to amend title 38, U.S. Code, with respect to payment of Philippine pensioners in pesos. Testimony was presented by J. M. Elizalde, former delegate to the U.S. Congress; a retired Philippine brigadier general; and a representative of the American Legion. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: Committee met in executive session for the consideration of several items of business, including a report prepared by Robert McKinney on a study of Euratom, and other European atomic power arrangements.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR-HEW

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 11390, fiscal 1961 appropriations for the Departments of Labor, and Health, Education, and Welfare.

SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS—AGED MEDICAL CARE

Conferees met in executive session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 12580, Social Security Amendments of 1960, but did not reach final agreement, and will meet again tomorrow.

Thursday, August 25, 1960

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 51 measures on calendar call.

House adopted conference report on Labor-HEW appropriation and sent minimum wage increase bill to conference.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 17560–17586

Bills Introduced: Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3886–3889; S.J. Res. 221; and S. Res. 372–374.

Pages 17561, 17660

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 4384, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 with respect to the importation of certain articles for religious purposes (S. Rept. 1911);

H.R. 10841, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to place bamboo pipestems on the free list (S. Rept. 1912);

H.R. 12659, relating to the temporary suspension of duty on heptanoic acid (S. Rept. 1913);

H.R. 11573, to provide for the duty-free importation of certain scientific equipment for educational or research purposes, with amendments (S. Rept. 1914);

H.R. 10960, relative to the determination of retail prices for purposes of excise tax on cigars (S. Rept. 1915);